**Figurative Language Terms**

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| **WORD** | **DEFINITION** | **EXAMPLE** |
| alliteration | Repeated consonant sounds at the beginning of several words in a phrase. | Robbie saw rabbits resting by roses. |
| cliche | An expression that has been used so often it has become trite and sometimes boring. | Many hands make light work. |
| hyperbole | An exaggeration. | That building can touch the clouds. |
| idiom | An expression that cannot be understood from the individual meanings of its elements.. | kick the bucket or under the weather |
| irony | The opposite of what is meant. |  |
| metaphor | A comparison of two unlike things that suggests a similarity between the two items. | Love is a rose. |
| onomatopoeia | Words that sound like what they are. | POP! BAM! Slosh |
| oxymoron | a form of paradox that combines a pair of opposite terms into a single unusual expression. | “sweet sorrow” or “cold fire.” |
| personification | Making an inanimate object or animal act like a person |  |
| pun | A word or words, which are formed or sounded alike, but have different meaning; to have more than one possible meaning. | Using that pencil is pointless. |
| simile | A comparison using "like" or "as" | She sings like an angel. |
| understatement | the opposite of hyperbole. It is a kind of irony that deliberately represents something as being much less than it really is. | “I could probably manage to survive on a salary of two million dollars per year.” |